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SUMMARY: EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS TO DELIVER NOTE PROTEST-
ING PUBLIC VERBAL ATTACK ON USG OF NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN
LOME ON OCCASION HIS OFFICIAL RECEPTION HELD TO CELEBRATE GOT
PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S QUOTE DAZZLING SUCCESS END QUOTE ON KOREAN
VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR GAVE RECEPTION OCTOBER 18 MARKING
QUOTE DAZZLING SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY GENERAL EYADEMA DURING HIS
VISIT TO NORTH KOREA. END QUOTE. RECEPTION FIRST REPORTED THIS
WEEK IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNING GOT-NORTH KOREAN ACCORD (REFTEL).

2. NORTH KOREAN ENVOY'S LENGTHY TOAST AT RECEPTION CARRIED IN
FULL BY TOGO-PRESSE OCTOBER 22. TOAST CONTAINED STATEMENTS OF
PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE FOR USG, AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE FOLLOWING
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RETURN FROM HIS VISIT TO KOREA, GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA

TOOK MEASURES TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PUPPET REGIME OF PARK JEUNG HI, GROUP OF TRAITORS TRYING TO PERPETUATE DIVISION OF COUNTRY IN ACCEPTING STATIONING OF FOREIGN TROOPS ON KOREAN SOIL. PRESIDENT EYADEMA ALSO EXPELLED FROM TOGOOLESE SOIL SPIES AND AGENTS OF PRESIDENT PARK'S CLIQUE. THIS MEASURE OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA IS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO ACCELERATION TOWARD VICTORY OF CAUSE OF KOREAN PEOPLE FOR REUNIFICATION OF COUNTRY. IT HELPS EQUALLY TO PROMOTE REVOLUTIONARY AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST CAUSE OF PEOPLES OF THIRD WORLD. IT CONSTITUTES SEVERE BLOW TO PARK CLIQUE WHICH INSISTS ON DIVISION OF NATION AND AGGRAVATES SITUATION OF OUR COUNTRY. FINALLY, THIS MEASURE IS SERIOUS TELLING BLOW TO AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS WHO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PARK CLIQUE. END QUOTE.

3. UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, EMBASSY PLANS DELIVER THIRD PERSON NOTE MONDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 28. (PRESIDENT AND SEVEN MINISTERS, INCLUDING FORMIN, SCHEDULED RETURN FROM SIX-DAY LAGOS VISIT ON SUNDAY.) DRAFT OF NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE (STANDARD OPENING) EMBASSY HAS HONOR TO REFER TO TEXT OF NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S TOAST AT HIS RECEPTION OCTOBER 18 WHICH WAS CARRIED BY TOGO-PRESSE ON OCTOBER 22. ACCORDING TO TOGO-PRESSE, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN HIS REMARKS INTERPRETED MEASURE TAKEN BY HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC GENERAL GNASSINGBE EYADEMA TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA AS. INTER ALIA, SERIOUS BLOW TO AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS WHO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE PARK CLIQUE. PARA. EMBASSY OF USA INVITES ATTENTION OF MINISTRY OF FORAFFS TO IMPROPRIETY OF NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN VERBALLY ATTACKING, WITHIN TOGO, ANOTHER GOVERNMENT WITH WHICH REPUBLIC OF TOGO MAINTAINS FRIENDLY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS DISPLEASURE OF GOVERNMENT OF USA AT THIS HOSTILE AFFRONT BY NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE IN TOGO TO USA AND TO REQUEST MINISTRY'S ASSURANCES THAT THIS PUBLIC INDECORUM WILL NOT BE REPEATED BY AMBASSADOR OF NORTH KOREA OR ANY OF HIS OFFICIAL STAFF. (STANDARD CLOSING) END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT: NORTH KOREANS IN TOGO ARE FEELING THEIR OATS. THEY HAVE LOST NO TIME IN LAUNCHING VERBAL ATTACK ON USG TO CAPITALIZE ON THEIR RECENT SUCCESS WITH EYADEMA. IF LEFT UNCHALLENGED, NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS ARE CERTAIN TO BE REPEATED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME FORM. OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADORS HERE HAVE COMMENTED ON EXTREME NATURE OF ENTIRE TOAST.
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